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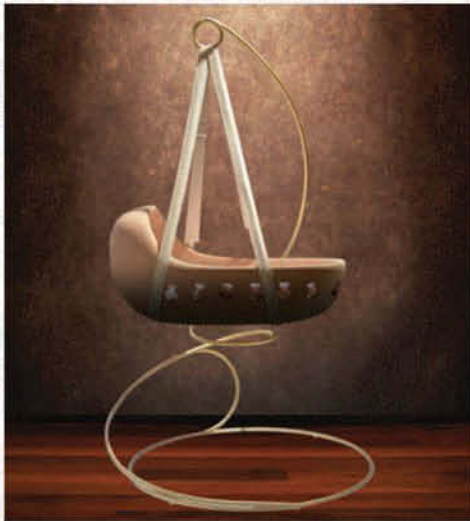
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*From the Editor*

## Spring has Sprung

**T**he saying goes that the kitchen is the heart of the home, which more than often is true as it is where we cook, entertain, socialise and come together as a family. With this in mind we have put together a kitchen, and bathroom, special as these two areas of the home are not only the most used but have to be the most functional (from P59).

The real homes this month are two stylish urban apartments in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. Omar Hikal, owner of home entertainment company Archimedia, welcomes us to his modern, understated Dubai Marina home (P32) and in Abu Dhabi we chat to Interior Designer Anam Siddiqui about her latest project and how she has created a calming modern, rustic feel to a client's home (P40). Over in Cape Town, we take a look around a minimalist villa and discuss the influences and inspirations behind the design (P48).

This month also sees the launch of Indigo Living's spring collection, as seen on our cover, and Managing Director, John McLennan, talks to us about the range (P68). Trend-led chat carries on with an in-depth look in to Crate and Barrels latest collection, 5th anniversary and why we love this brand (P70).

Finally we discover fun for all the family at the Hilton in Ras Al Khaimah and relax in the hip South Place Hotel in London (P78).

*Rosalind*

ROSALIND

### THIS MONTH'S WISHLIST...



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1. **Welton Karl Lagerfeld candle**, Dhs215, En Vogue
2. **Printed cushion** Dhs49, H&M Home
3. **Siirtolapuutarh Rasymatto collection**, from a selection, Marimekko
4. **Green floral dress**, Dhs1,280, Patrizia Pepe
5. **Birch and Black Pepper cologne**, Dhs310, Jo Malone
6. **Quinn bag**, Dhs1,530, Kate Spade



## TROPICAL DELIGHTS



### A bright and breezy new trend for spring

Our new Tropical range bursts into store this spring in a riot of emerald and lime greens, turquoise blues and botanical prints. A relaxed collection of breezy sofas and chairs are on offer alongside a joyful range of palm tree, pineapple and cockatoo-emblazoned accessories, guaranteed to lift spirits and breathe fresh life into tired old rooms.

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# THIS JUST IN...

ROUNDUP OF THIS MONTH'S NEWS AND BUYS



## FUNKY FINNISH

Marimekko, the iconic Finnish design company, has recently opened its first store in Dubai at Box Park on Al Wasl Road. Renowned for over 50 years for its funky prints and bright colours, the store is home to both fashion and homewares from the brand as well as a welcoming coffee shop.

[www.marimekko.com](http://www.marimekko.com)

## Block Colours

Update your living room or outdoor space with these cool and quirky Fatboy Baboesjka set of three cushions, Dhs799 from Desert River. Mix and match colours and patterns for an eclectic look.

[www.filini.com](http://www.filini.com)



## COOL CRYSTAL

Enjoy ice cold drinks alfresco in this Kaleidoscope jug, Dhs120 from Lakeland.

[www.lakeland.ae](http://www.lakeland.ae)



## Take Away

Pack makeup essentials in this pretty bag from Marc by Marc Jacob's spring collection.

[www.marcjacobs.com](http://www.marcjacobs.com)





## STATEMENT LIGHT

Ikea's spring/summer range includes many design-led pieces at affordable prices, such as this Krusning lamp shade, Dhs35, which will add soft texture to a hallway or bedroom and will blend in with any colour scheme.

[www.ikea.com/ae](http://www.ikea.com/ae)

## IN THE CAN

Kate Spade's quirky spring/summer collection includes many fun and stylish items from cool clothing to eye-catching accessories. We love this cute bright green Watering Can clutch, Dhs1,440, perfect for adding colour to a little black dress.

[www.katespade.com](http://www.katespade.com)



## Easter Delights

Go crackers this Easter with these cute buys



1. Easter egg wallstickers, Dhs142, [Spincollective.co.uk](http://Spincollective.co.uk) 2. Easter Family tin, Dhs216, [Biscuiteers.co.uk](http://Biscuiteers.co.uk) 3. Easter egg buckets, Dhs59, [Lakeland](http://Lakeland)  
4. Rabbit Love Cushion by CyanRose, Dhs153, [Artrookie.co.uk](http://Artrookie.co.uk) 5. Kiki the Chick backpack from BeatrixNY, Dhs169, [Babysouk](http://Babysouk)



## DROP IN

Add some subtle colour to your look with these pretty statement neon triple drop earrings, Dhs175 from Bebe.

[www.bebe.com](http://www.bebe.com)

## New Items

H&M Home, which launched in the UAE in late February, has just introduced its mid-season collection including this on-trend copper side table and colourful, geometric, plain and botanical print cushions.

[www.hm.com/ae](http://www.hm.com/ae)





## COOL COLOURS

Update your makeup bag with Laura Mercier's spring/summer 2015 collection, which includes this cosmic eyeshadow palette with pretty pastel shades, Dhs266.

[www.lauramercier.com](http://www.lauramercier.com)



## Sculptural Silver

Add some futuristic style to your home with this UMOS round vase, Dhs4,995, En Vogue.

[www.envogue.ae](http://www.envogue.ae)



## TEA TIME

Enjoy an afternoon tea from this delicately patterned Jacques gold tea cup and saucer, new from Katharine Pooley.

[www.katharinepooley.com](http://www.katharinepooley.com)



# THIS JUST IN...

### MICRO TREND - COOL COPPER



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Ball pendant light, Dhs1,795, THE One; Wire copper baskets, Dhs762, Idyllhome.co.uk; Cynia vase, Dhs59, Home Centre; Kensil copper sandals, Dhs396, Vince Camuto; Shimmer Brick in copper diamond, Dhs260, Bobbi Brown; Copper lidded pot, Dhs29, H&M Home.

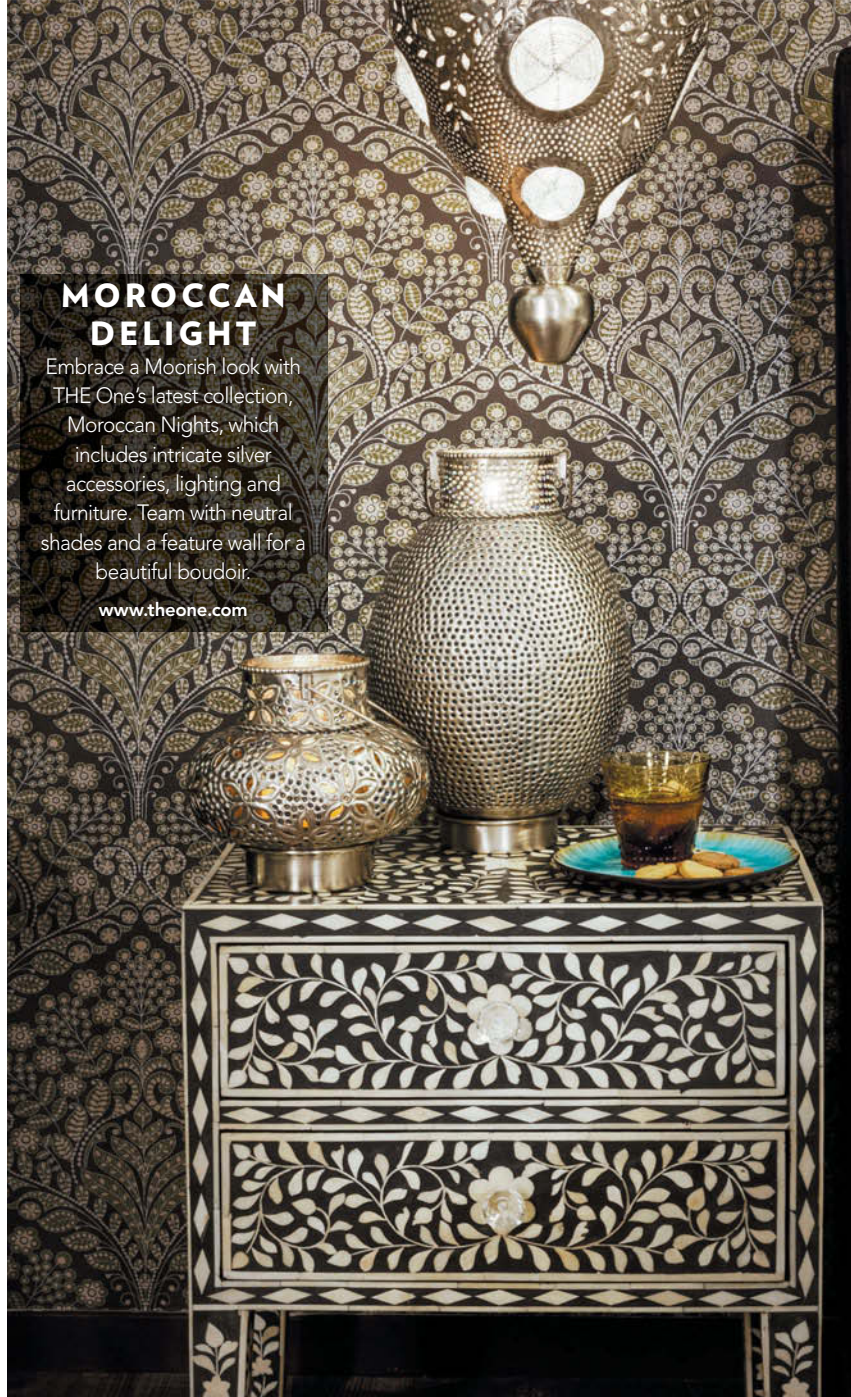




## MOROCCAN DELIGHT

Embrace a Moorish look with THE One's latest collection, Moroccan Nights, which includes intricate silver accessories, lighting and furniture. Team with neutral shades and a feature wall for a beautiful boudoir.

[www.theone.com](http://www.theone.com)



## Eco Chic

H&M's Conscious collection, which offers sustainable style at affordable prices, has just launched its latest range of clothing and accessories, modelled by Olivia Wilde. We love this patterned dress, ideal for summer brunches.

[www.hm.com/ae](http://www.hm.com/ae)



## Rock On

Jo Malone's latest limited edition collection celebrates all things British with the Rock The Ages range. Titled proud, illustrious and a little eccentric, the five scents – Tudor Rose and Amber, Lily of the Valley and Ivy, Pomegranate Noir, Geranium and Verbena and Birch and Black Pepper – come in prettily decorated bottles. On counters now priced at Dhs310 each.

[www.jomalone-me.com](http://www.jomalone-me.com)



## CONTEMPORARY CLASSICS

Bring a touch of international elegance to your home with the luxurious new contemporary classic collection, Gallery by Mariner, now available at Interiors. This velvet and polished wood sofa and chairs will add a luxe look to a living room.

[www.interiorsfurniture.com](http://www.interiorsfurniture.com)



# THIS JUST IN...

## *Regal Style*

Introduce some chic furniture to your bedroom with 2XL's Antonette collection, which includes this king bed, night table, mirror, dresser and stool.

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## *Kids' Corner*

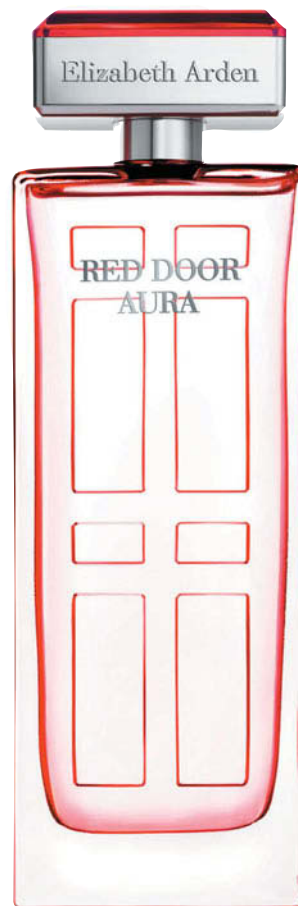
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Animal frame,  
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linen, Dhs59,  
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set, Dhs398,  
Baby Souk



## *Iconic Scent*

Elizabeth Arden's signature scent, Red Door, is available in Red Door Aura, a vibrant floral take on the classic perfume, Dhs295 from Lifestyle.

[www.lifestylegulf.com](http://www.lifestylegulf.com)





### PRETTY IN PINK

This cute Vogue jar candle, Dhs17 from Home Centre, will add some feminine style to a living room.

[www.homecentrestores.com](http://www.homecentrestores.com)



### Designer Planters

Add some colour and style to your garden with Fermob's practical planters, which have been created in collaboration with Italian Designer Fabio Meliota and are available in 24 shades.

[www.fermob.com](http://www.fermob.com)



### RED ALERT

Update your spring wardrobe with this classy Baily poppy red bag, Dhs850 from Vince Camuto. Perfect for adding colour to a work outfit or a plain dress in the evening.

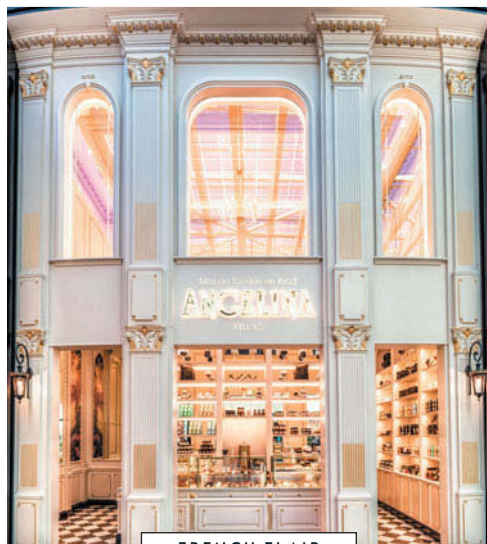
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### Roll On

Create luscious lashes with Benefit's latest mascara, Roller Lash. This innovative design includes a hooked brush to lift and curl lashes. Out now at Benefit counters and priced at Dhs125.

[www.benefit.com](http://www.benefit.com)



### FRENCH FLAIR

Parisian boutique tearoom, Angelina, has recently opened in Mall of the Emirates, Dubai, following its success in The Dubai Mall. Offering a range of treats, from pastries to afternoon tea, it is an ideal meeting point for delicious delicacies while shopping. We highly recommend the Angelina breakfast, a French feast of mini pastries, fresh fruit, mini bread rolls, eggs 'my way' all washed down with fresh juice and tea, coffee or, our favourite, the traditional hot chocolate, Dhs95 per person.

[www.facebook.com/Angelinadxb](https://www.facebook.com/Angelinadxb)



### FLOWER POWER

Stylish French brand, The Kooples, has recently launched in the UAE and features fashionable basics for everyday wear, to glam night-time looks. Our pick of the best is this pretty rose print shirt, ideal for the office but can also be dressed up to wear out. [www.thekooples.com](http://www.thekooples.com)





# Summer Brights

*Add a splash of colour to your bedroom with Kas Australia's cushion range, new for Spring/Summer 2015.*

The best way to instantly change the look of a bedroom is to add in new accessories such as cushions, throws and linen. This season Kas Australia has introduced two new collections to its bold and beautiful range of soft furnishings - Layla and Souk. Layla consists of pretty floral patterns in pinks, purples and blues and Souk is made up of Arabic-inspired tile prints and motifs in rich royal blues and yellows.



#### THE DETAILS

1. Layla medallion pink, Dhs149
2. Layla medallion blue, Dhs149
3. Souk tile print, Dhs99, 4. Souk medallion, Dhs99.



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TAORAY WANG FASHION SHOW  
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## THE DETAILS

1. Grey and copper wall light, Dhs607, [Idyllhome.co.uk](http://Idyllhome.co.uk) 2. Grey bread bin, Dhs110, Clas Ohlson 3. Geranium & Verbena cologne, Dhs310, Jo Malone 4. Minimalist grey clock, Dhs253, [Thedesigngiftshop.com](http://Thedesigngiftshop.com) 5. Antique beaded frame, Dhs50, [Tch.net](http://Tch.net) 6 7 & 8. Stone eyeshadows in grey, stone and caviar, Dhs130 each, Bobbi Brown 9. Rabanna L 272 fabric, Dhs530 per metre, [Fermoie.com](http://Fermoie.com) 10. Niki Jones concentric cushion, Dhs496, [Amara.com](http://Amara.com) 11. Spot sofa, Dhs3,295, THE One 12. Grey cushions, from Dhs79, Zara Home 13. Clerkenwell bag, Dhs1,098, Radley 14. Loyus tealight holder in grey, Dhs129, THE One 15. Alpha grey lounge chair, Dhs3,200, Marina Home 16. Galvanised lanterns, from Dhs59, Crate and Barrel 17. Eiffel Tower sandstone wall plaque, Dhs179, Home Centre 18. Silver evening shoes, Dhs595, Bebe 19. Grey mohair throw, Dhs449, Indigo Living.



# Modern Living



*Omar Hikal's Dubai Marina apartment is a chic hub full of contemporary mod cons from his company, Archimedia.*

Words: Rosalind Erskine Photography: Aasiya Jagadeesh





Left: sleek home cinema system.  
Right: Omar's collection of books and artwork in the living room.







Above: Omar's favourite room, his bedroom.  
Right: Omar Hikal.  
Far right: the contemporary dining area and the balcony with Marina view beyond.

“I wanted the flat to be airy and bright in the living areas with a more distinctive style in the bedrooms.”



Music is very important to Omar Hikal, which isn't a surprising fact given that he is the CEO of Archimedia, a UAE home theatre design and installation company. This passion can also be seen throughout his Dubai Marina apartment where he has lived since 2003 and was drawn to by the abundance of light: “I was attracted to this apartment because I felt that the energy was fantastic and there is lots of light plus it is very quiet. I love the balcony and can spend hours out there just looking out at the view and into the distance. I also love the small little nook off the kitchen that I turned in to a home office” Omar says. “The layout is quite cosy, with an open kitchen and living area where I spend most of my time, and two bedrooms, which are very bright – this was an important factor for me” he continues.

When it came to putting his stamp on his home Omar wanted to reflect the light feel, which drew him to the apartment plus the installation of

audio-visual and automation system was a must. The total redecoration took around 4 months.

“I wanted the flat to be airy and bright in the living areas with a more distinctive style in the bedrooms, so the living area is mostly light colours with accents of blue (I was lucky enough to be able to get Bowers and Wilkins to make me a custom pair of midnight blue 804Ds). My music is very important to me and having music all over the home was a very important element of the overall concept of the apartment. I tend to create rooms around certain pieces that catch my eye. So my bathroom was designed around a very specific bathmat that I loved. My kitchen was designed around a set of white Henckel Knives which I fell in love with in Antwerp a couple years ago. The living room was based on my speakers, and so on. I asked a friend to help me create mood boards based around these concepts and voila.” explains Omar, who is very happy with his home; “I love it. I love the energy →









Right: a vintage typewriter makes a feature in the bookcase.  
Below: Omar's balcony and Marina view.



and I love coming home at the end of a long day. I love being able to control everything from my iPad or iPhone and I love having my music playing in all the rooms...its home."

With regards to the finishing touches in the apartment, Omar based his selection on things he enjoys, such as reading, music and films so he ensured that each room allows him to do this with ease and simplicity thanks to the systems installed by Archimedia, which flow seamlessly in to each room. The most eye-catching of which is the sleek, wooden home cinema in the living room.

With such a modern home, Omar was keen to do his part for the environment: "I installed a lighting control system that helps me save quite a lot on energy consumption. My automation system helps me monitor energy consumption so I know if I am being terribly unfriendly to mother Earth. I have lots of natural light in the flat so that also helps me be eco-friendly by not needing my lights at 100% very often" he explains.

As the décor, location and feel of the apartment is ideal for Omar, is there anything he'd want to change if he could? "I wish it were bigger. I could use a little more space to entertain, but otherwise I love it!" ■■■

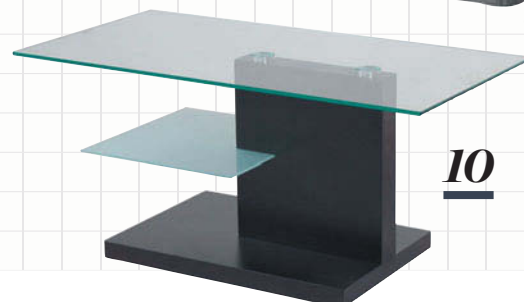
[www.archimedia-me.com](http://www.archimedia-me.com)





## Get the look

A neutral palette with an eclectic mix of modern and traditional accessories create Omar's home.



### THE DETAILS

1. Arcata sofa, Dhs10,090, Ethan Allen 2. Metal and leather storage trunk Dhs8,419, Sweetpeaandwillow.com 3. Kate & Kate Jagger Throw Rug, from Dhs433, Designstudiohome.com.au 4. Extravagance rug, Dhs7,900, FBMI 5. Ocean panel linen bandhini cushion, Dhs655, Ecochic.com.au 6. Angelo chess set, Dhs499, THE One 7. Falum desk lamp, Dhs695, In-spaces.com 8. Brice cupboard, Dhs28,115, Flamant 9. Arviksand divan bed, Dhs3,590, Ikea 10. Scarlet coffee table, Dhs295, Home Box.





# New Collections

*Head to THE One this spring for fab homewares from their two new collections - Moroccan Nights and Rustic Living.*



## RUSTIC LIVING

For timeless style look no further than THE One's Rustic Living collection - a cosy, lived-in look, which blends rich, rust-red Marsala (Pantone's colour of the year) with mixed metals, nailing two of 2015's hottest interior trends.

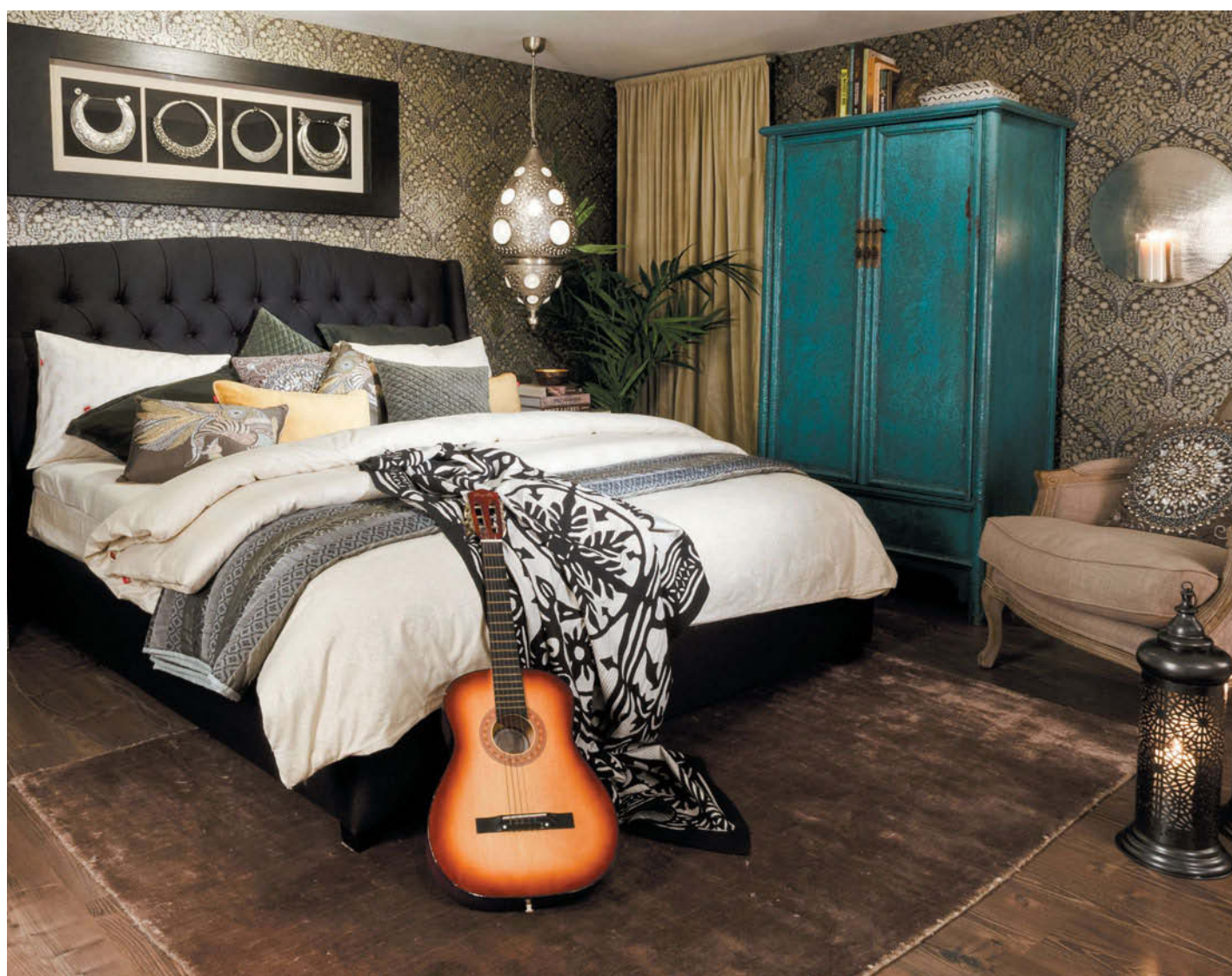
The star of this show is undoubtedly the bold, leafy print wallpaper, which, along with the dining chairs, are the moreish Marsala accents in this room. The rest of the colour story is made up of beiges, off-whites, earthy browns and pops of green.





## MOROCCAN NIGHTS

Ethnic goes trendy with a bold mix of modern Moroccan influences, damask wallpaper and artisan elements in this bohemian boudoir look from THE One, featuring a veritable Aladdin's cave of handcrafted home fashion. Think striking, oversized nickel and glass lanterns as pendant lamps over beautiful bone inlay bedside tables. A framed quartet of handmade silver necklaces, punched metal tea light holders and an eye-catching turquoise cabinet. Even the soft furnishings showcase meticulous handiwork.









# A Serene Space

*Interior designer Anam Siddiqui has transformed an empty flat into a calm and cool hideaway.*

Photography: Grace Guino

The moment Anam Siddiqui stepped into the Abu Dhabi apartment and saw the view, she knew she had found her inspiration. For the owner and senior interior designer at Perfect Proportions, the view of the turquoise blue Arabian Gulf from the windows of the house was a vignette that had to be captured in the décor. The relaxing seascape-inspired palette and calming textures gave this urban apartment a resort vibe.

"I always think every space has a potential to be something beautiful. It is like an empty canvas to me that can be moulded into anything," says Anam. "It helped that there was absolutely no existing furniture and that I could really start from scratch. The view was also quite stunning so I knew from that point I wanted to tie in the colours of the sea into a room in the home."

Anam collaborated closely with her client on this home, working together on the vision. The homeowner wanted the comfortable contemporary feel of rustic modern decor. Anam's expertise as an interior designer meant that the scheme was livened up with interesting finishes and lighting effects. "We decided to use solid wood panels in a natural colour with soft, hidden lighting, and white lacquered Italian finishes on the furniture with a mix of raw wood and leathers."

Completed in about four months from start to finish, Anam's design brings together the landscape, the sea view and the contemporary home her client wanted, with easy charm.

Anam isn't the first interior designer who was requested by the client to make the bedrooms resemble a luxury hotel room. The challenge for the designer was to achieve this wish with the rustic modern aesthetic that she wanted for the home. "Rustic generally makes a home feel more homely rather than hotel-like. So we really had to think about the materials and how we used them," Anam says.

The bedroom feels like a relaxing retreat, thanks to the clean, fuss-free design. Clutter has been banished and the existing space has been cleverly used to create a bedroom that truly feels luxe. A full wall headboard in muted shades of sand and grey not only makes it comfortable to rest against the wall but also saves space. The bed is dressed with luxurious bedding and pillows in shades of seagrass and silver, in keeping with the nautical theme.

After seeing how the spaces are decorated, it comes as no surprise to learn that Anam absolutely loves mixing and matching and if it's with big, bold prints, even better. "My pet peeve is furniture sets. I hate seeing the same dresser with the same side tables with the same bed, it just lacks in character and personality. It's all about subtlety and achieving harmony between all the pieces in the room," she adds. "I am seeing a lot of sea greens and pastel blues this season which I adore as well. Bring on the nautical season!"



Left: the cool blue living room with framed wall featured. Right: nautical-inspired dining room.









Left: The living room with its modern rustic accessories and TV unit. Above: Statement, matching chairs. Top right: Rustic wooden accessories add interest. Right: Cool grey tablewear with simple white crockery creates a sophisticated look.

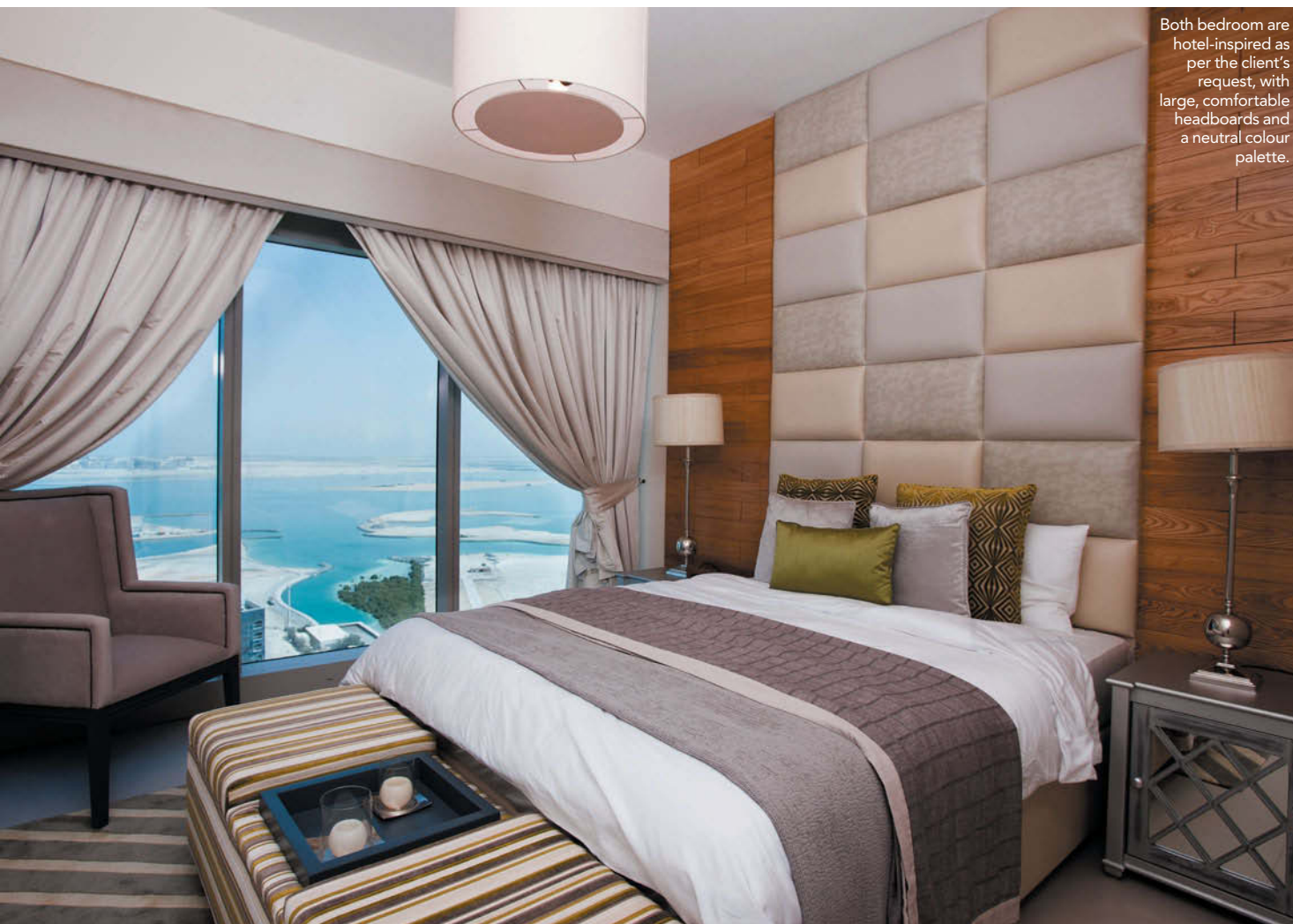


We asked Anam what part of the scheme she was most pleased about. "I love the way the lighting effects have turned out and the massive TV unit design is another favourite. It really adds that modern rustic feel, which we had envisioned for the home. One of the trickiest parts of this project was getting the solid wood walls and lighting right. It's all about strategically placing sockets and switches and making sure the lighting isn't too harsh or bare, and it works beautifully to complement the wood."

The entire home was designed and fitted out by Anam's company Perfect Proportions. The company designs and retails everything from chairs and rugs to lamps and accessories. "There aren't any regrets or missed opportunities on this project says Anam. "I personally love this scheme. At Perfect Proportions we design every home with love and a lot of interest, so every scheme has been thoroughly scrutinised and tweaked many times before the final fit out."

Anam says her philosophy as an interior designer is to do every project with passion and take it on as your own. "If you don't feel any love for the project, then it will definitely reflect in the design." It's easy to see that this Abu Dhabi apartment was a true labour of love. [www.perfectproportions.ae](http://www.perfectproportions.ae)





Both bedroom are hotel-inspired as per the client's request, with large, comfortable headboards and a neutral colour palette.

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THE DETAILS



Clockwise from left: Earthy toned cushions in a mix of patterns and styles add texture to the living room; a wooden sculpture; cool grey and white dinner settings complete the modern look.







## Get the look

Cool blues, wooden accents and a hint of pattern make up this modern rustic look.



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### THE DETAILS

1. Corinne chair, Dhs6,900, Ethan Allen 2. Silver and white lamp Dhs250, Zara Home 3. Hand Knotted wool rug, Dhs2,212 per m2, Rugcouture.com 4. Cube cushion cover, from Dhs259, Indigo Living 5. Dorsay cushion, Dhs185, Crate and Barrel 6. Chrome metal lantern, Dhs69, Home Centre 7. Juna frame, Dhs39, THE ONE 8. Clear dial desk clock, Dhs980, Ethan Allen 9. Drum vase, Dhs399, THE ONE 10. Gullregn bed runner, Dhs149, Ikea.









# LIGHT DESIGN

*Add a touch of elegance to your home interior with Porta Romana's collection of stunning lighting options available from Cachet Exclusive Living.*

Porta Romana, a favorite with interior designers all around the world, and its collections of lighting, mirrors and furniture take many of the ideas of the 20th Century Primitivism art as its starting muse. They are inspired by, and reinterpret the brilliance of Picasso, Matisse, Cocteau and Peyrissac. The pieces include elegant, whimsical metal work, fabulous feathers, luxurious lacquered wood and stunning glass art. Porta Romana's collections cover a broad spectrum, ranging from gorgeous upholstered and cabinet furniture, decorative lighting and accessories.

## PORTA ROMANA

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EXCLUSIVE LIVING





The use of glass at the front and back means one can see straight through the house, down-playing its presence and enhancing the greater permanence and essential gravitas of the landscape.





# Peace FOUNDATION

*Set in a nature reserve on the slopes of Table Mountain, Pauline and Robert Mutlow's sensitively minimalist home inspired by Japanese Modernism is as spiritually and emotionally evocative as the pared-down poetry of a haiku.*

**Production** GAP Interiors/Sven Alberding/bureaux.co.za

**Photographs** GAP Interiors/Warren Heath/bureaux.co.za

**Text** GAP Interiors/Laura Twiggs/bureaux.co.za





It is important to begin with the site and establish what type of form the site can accommodate, and then create a form in which the spaces function for the client. In that sense, you begin from the outside in, but you have to move in both directions at the same time to create the dialogue between the inside and the outside.' Tadeo Ando, known as "the father of architectural haiku".

'We're both minimalists,' says Pauline Mutlow about her and her husband, Robert's, design sensibility. 'We wanted spaces

undefined by walls and under one span of roof; we wanted a skeleton that would not compete with our surroundings, because they are so beautiful. And we wanted to use as much in the way of local materials as possible. We were hugely inspired by the Japanese Modernist Tadao Ando.' As she speaks, Pauline Mutlow absent-mindedly runs two fingers around and around the smooth yet just slightly uneven rim of a giant ceramic bowl, and the lemons it holds seem to grow more vibrantly yellow against the dark ceramic vessel with every turn.

She's going back some 16 years, recounting the original vision she Robert shared for their newly-acquired stretch of pristine fynbos on the back slope of Table Mountain overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. But back then, the sweeping views from Hout Bay to Cape Point below were known only to porcupines, snakes and sun-bathing dassies. Phrases such as 'Japanese Modernist' and 'local materials' had yet to enter South Africa's dominant architectural lexicon. And 'Tadao Ando', now known as the father of 'architectural haiku', was certainly not a name that rang many bells.

None of which at all phased Pauline and Robert. 'We're both very singular people and always have been,' says Pauline. 'We've always been rowing our own boats.'

Such was the case back in 1996 when Pauline, a qualified interior designer, opened her minimalist shop LIM (Less Is More) in Cape Town's City Bowl. Then, there was little in the way of mid-century modern decor or design on offer, and yet LIM quickly earned itself a reputation as an innovative retail leader. LIM has gone on to firmly establish itself as Cape Town's 'Gold Standard' with Pauline's slick, clean-lined furniture designs, elegantly simple forms, neutral monochromes and African tribal and Japanese Zen accents.

If LIM is a showcase for Pauline's restrained yet evocative brand of Ando-inspired minimalism, then her home is its epitome. With the help of architect Andrew Meiring, the Mutlows went on to create not just an —



Pauline's Modernist furniture designs, such as the dining table, are softened by natural materials. The rug is a re-interpreted Kelim bought in Turkey, and the Noguchi coffee table's natural wooden base sculpture against the cast concrete feature wall resonate with the greater forested setting.





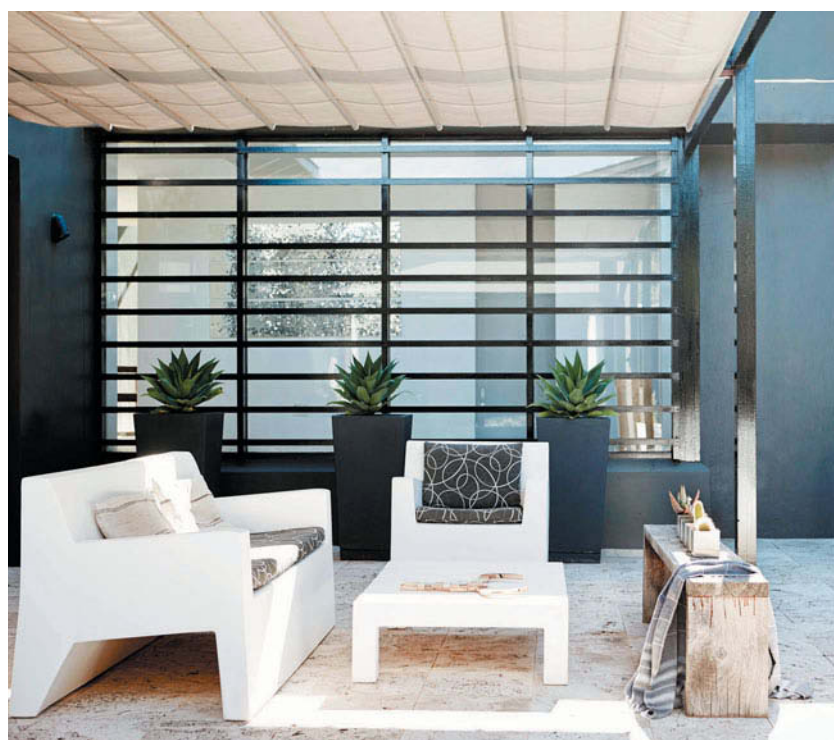
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Against one wall of the pool area, a table of indigenous succulents creates a rich yet subtle visual statement. The kitchen is separated by being raised, though it shares the cast concrete wall on the closer, right side of the living area and so communicates with it directly. The ceramic bowls are all handmade and from LIM, Pauline's Cape Town shop.







Ando-influenced home, which at the time would have been impressive enough, nor even a fitting homage to him, but one that captures his entire philosophical and aesthetic philosophy. At the root, the house draws together and unites what Ando called 'a mismatch' between Modernism's functionality or 'logic', and spirituality... or, 'the spirit of a place'. The idea is to create an architecture that easily enables a profound experience with nature, both its beauty and its essential spirit, and the guiding principles are to use natural light creatively so as not to disturb the landscape.

And it's hard to imagine a more successful result. Swathes of glass bring in the surrounding fynbos and roof-height picture windows showcase the dramatic

backdrop of granite boulders to the degree that the building itself feels liberatingly inconsequential. A structural skeleton comprising three parallel rectangular spaces (one the guest 'wing', one the living area, and one the private master suite) under an all-encompassing mono-pitch roof, is both functional and serenely simple. It enables a sense of entirety, and separation at once – further enhanced by the strategic use of another Ando trademark: thick and permanent off-shutter grey concrete walls.

Two such walls frame the house, defining the greater space without fully enclosing it. Poured in-situ, they are imprinted with the shutter frames' wood grain textures and bolt-marks and because of how the concrete is poured and formed, when exposed to →



natural light they take on a luminous quality that is strangely dematerialising, if not transportive.

These walls bear testimony to the quiet yet profound power of Wabi Sabi, the Japanese art of embracing the beauty of imperfection combining that which is humble with that which is beautiful over the natural progression of time. It's an aesthetic close to Pauline's heart and one that is echoed in her treasured collection of Raku pottery, her repeated use of natural poplar wood blocks as side-tables, and the found driftwood sculptures that punctuate the space at random.

It's also very much present in the large, uneven ceramic bowl filled with lemons she unthinkingly caresses as she speaks. Totally tactile, it makes redundant any connotations of minimalism as "austere" or "clinical" and turns in into something evocative. This is the 'haiku effect', and it emanates from every inch of this house: an emphasis on next-to-nothingness that highlights physical experience and sensation, and turns a humble home into a sacred, even soulful, home.



The high picture windows and concrete cast walls are repeated in the main bedroom, and an organic sisal carpet provides much-appreciated warmth under foot. The bedside cabinets and side stands are Pauline's designs; the much-loved arm chairs were Pauline's grandmother's. This entire rectangular "wing" sits parallel to the main living-area segment and while it shares the same roof, it has its own cloistered quality and is utterly private, though connected.



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## Get the look

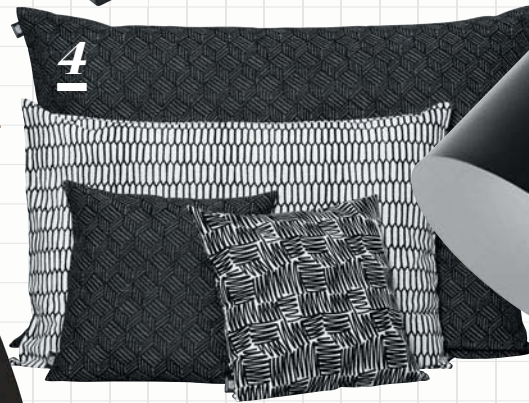
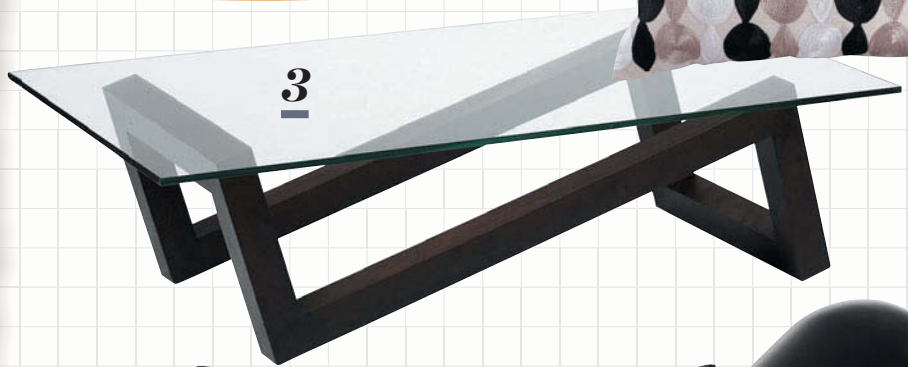
A muted palette of neutrals and carefully chosen furniture create this minimalist home.

THE COLOUR  
Grey

Valspar Passageway  
VR113A

THE TEXTURE  
Wood

Wood



### THE DETAILS

1. Circus large pendant light, Dhs2,436, [Shoreditchlighting.co.uk](http://Shoreditchlighting.co.uk) 2. Zanzi Square cushion cover Dhs249, Indigo Living 3. Zigzag table, Dhs7,432, [Ksl-living.fr](http://Ksl-living.fr) 4. Scribbles pillow cases, from Dhs249, D. Tales 5. Sned wooden table lamp, Dhs1,190, BoConcept 6. Garbarino side table, Dhs13,428, Cities 7. Vilmar chair, Dhs195, Ikea 8. Grey Alpaca throw, Dhs924, [Sophieallport.com](http://Sophieallport.com) 9. Eames lounge chair, POA, Vitra 10. Agni rug, Dhs2,695, THE One.







# BRIGHT BOHO

*Embrace all things colourful this spring with Home Centre's latest collection of bold and patterned accessories.*

**C**reate colourful and contemporary home with Home Centre's new range of bohemian-inspired bedding, cushions, lighting, furniture and accessories. This bold scheme mixes and matches patterns with block colours and metallic accents to create a striking, on-trend look, ideal for springtime.

This latest brand campaign showcases this stylish boho look featuring lush fabrics with laid-back yet energetic patterns. The Ripoli and Irish sofas take centre-stage in the new campaign accessorised to inspire a cosy yet eclectic bohemian appeal.



## THE DETAILS

1. Alysaa Mirror, Dhs499
2. Flores Glass Table Lamp Dhs349
3. Boho circa Wall decor, Dhs399
4. Eclectic Oblong Lantern Radiant Orchid, Dhs99
5. Abstract foil painting, Dhs229
6. Mishigan Ceramic Table Lamp, Dhs219
7. Boho multi petals Mirror, Dhs199
8. Jewel Metal Floor Lamp, Dhs659.







# BATHROOMS TO LIVE IN

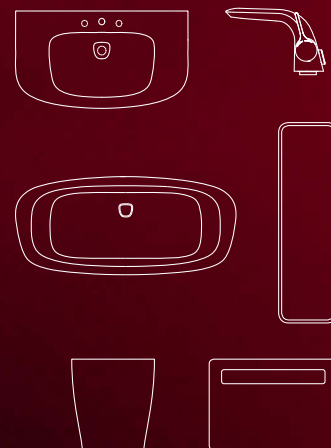
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# KITCHENS

## Bathrooms

*If you are planning an update or re-design of two of the most utilised rooms in the home, then look no further than our trend guide and best buys for 2015, from the top suppliers.*



### COSENTINO

The world leader in quartz surfaces for kitchen and bathroom worktops, the Cosentino Group has introduced two new colours, Iron Bark and Coral Clay into its Silestone® collection of quartz surfaces.

### BUDGET FRIENDLY

Head to Ikea for purse-friendly kitchen solutions such as these simple yet very stylish, wooden storage options from the Rimforsa range.



### TRUE BLUE

Add a splash of colour to your kitchen by choosing bright accessories such as splashbacks, paint or crockery. This royal blue sugar bowl, Dhs7 from Diaso, is a perfect addition to a country-style kitchen.



**COSENTINO**

Bring bright colours to your bathroom with Cosentino's Silestone® bathroom collection, which offers potential to any item such as washbasins, showers, claddings and bespoke pieces.



**BAGNODESIGN**

Chic sink units will help to create a modern sanctuary in the bathroom. The Biarritz (left) and Metreaux collections (right) are simple yet elegant designs for a contemporary look.



**VILLEROY & BOCH  
INTRODUCE EXCITING  
TRENDS TO TRANSFORM  
YOUR BATHROOM SPACE  
IN 2015...**

**1. NATURAL LOOK**

Aveo New Generation (above) is

a design inspired by nature and created to infuse warmth and a sense of calm through its modern contours, aesthetics and clarity. The high quality design is determined by clear oval forms, to create the egg-shape bath tub, which is a symbol of the

emergence of life.

**2. FUNCTIONAL DESIGN**

The Venticello collection by Villeroy & Boch, focuses on design innovation by combining straight lines with functionality and creating a fresh approach to bathroom interior space. The complete collection offers a high degree of user functionality in all areas such as sink depth, storage space, shelf spaces that are both modern and light-weight. .

**3. FRESH AND CLEAN**

Comfort and hygiene are fundamental aspects of bathroom trends for 2015. An increasing number of people have invested their time and money into home body care and hygiene. Bathrooms are being transformed into personal health centres, equipped with saunas or ViClean-L shower toilets. There is also a growing demand for

easy-care materials and functions that are designed to clean themselves, such as the rimless DirectFlush WC equipped with the antibacterial glaze AntiBac and CeramicPlus for sustained cleanliness.

**4. BESPOKE SERVICE**

A large number of consumers in 2015, want custom vanities that are tailored to their needs. Villeroy & Boch's, Legato Furniture Collection offers superbly designed vanity units in a variety of colour variations. Each compartment provides practical interior divisions, which can be easily opened and closed with the help of recessed grips. The vanity unit suits the aesthetics of the sleek, contemporary design scheme of your preference and provides plenty of storage to enhance the illusion and reality of space, depth and order.



## SCAVOLINI

Based on a modular concept the Rivo bathroom range from Scavolini introduces storage in the form of open-shelf units and wall-hung cabinets.



## GET THE LOOK

1. Bamboo plant, from a selection, THE One 2. Bain Moussant Olive and Lavender, Dhs62, Amazon.com  
3. Aloe plant, Dhs59, Home Centre 4. Waterworks towels, from Dhs65, Bloomingdale's Home  
5. Skoghall bath mat, Dhs29, Ikea 6. Lavender hand cream, Dhs49, L'Occitane.





# EXPRESS COOKING

*The Jashanmal Home Stores introduce their latest collection of sleek kitchen appliances from Kenwood and Electrolux.*

Whip up an expertly prepared meal with Jashanmal's range of appliances from Kenwood, such as the Multi One (right), and Electrolux's Expressionist collection (above POA).

From toasters, blenders, kettles and coffee machines, all in a contemporary stainless steel these gadgets will be right at home in any kitchen and useful for everyday cooking.



Kenwood Multi One, Dhs1,499



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# TROPICAL DELIGHTS

*Welcome in spring with Indigo Living's new collection, which is full of on-trend jungle prints, global accessories and metallic touches.*

Photography and Styling: Lucy McMurray

Shot on location at Villa Lantana [www.villalantana.ae](http://www.villalantana.ae)



## JUNGLE LIFE

Mix and match prints and patterns for an instant update.

Mac sofa from Dhs7,080

Coffee table in elm, Dhs3,490

Baker rug, Dhs2,290

Blue stripe cushion, Dhs249

Palm leaves cushion, Dhs249

Blown glass lamp, Dhs499



## ACCESSORIES

Gold wrap lantern, from Dhs99

Bone globe, Dhs179

Mercury tealight holders, from Dhs15

Clock paperweight, Dhs699

Dog ceramic jar, Dhs649

Batik frames, from Dhs269

Coral sculpture, Dhs899

Leaning bookcase, Dhs1,590







## PRECIOUS METALS

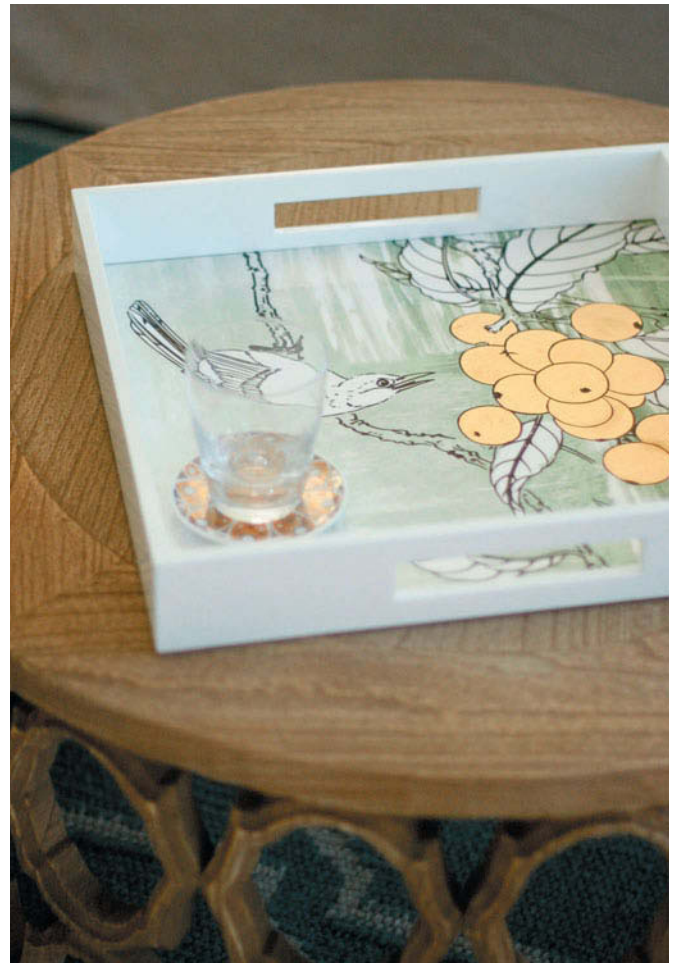
Add metallic touches, tropical prints and natural elements for a sophisticated look.

Mercury smoke tealight holder, from Dhs49

Tampa bone globe, Dhs179

Vase with birds, Dhs999





## FINISHING TOUCHES

Above left: Garbot side table, Dhs1,290; Above right: Bird with fruit tray, Dhs419; Below: Green placemats, Dhs29 each, Glasses, from Dhs169; Cashmere dinnerware, from Dhs97; Johnathan Addler peacock coasters; Dhs329; Maxwell & Williams cutlery, from Dhs664; Gold votives, from Dhs139, Lotus flower candleholder, Dhs349.





# EASY LIVING

*John McLennan, Managing Director of Indigo Living, discusses their latest spring collection.*

## TELL US ABOUT THE NEW SPRING COLLECTION

The new spring collection brings the Tropics right into your home. A relaxed collection of breezy sofas and chairs are on offer alongside a joyful range of palm tree and cockatoo-embazoned accessories, guaranteed to lift spirits and breathe fresh life into tired old rooms. Botanical prints and vibrant colours are a great way to inject relaxed opulence and a touch of easy humour into your living space for spring.

## HOW CAN I ADD SOME NEW SEASON STYLE TO MY HOME WITHOUT A COMPLETE REDECORATION?

Invest in accessories. Today's urban living is both sleek and soft. Choose thoughtful accessories that can help inject new style into your living space without having to invest in full furniture pieces. From cushions to throws and table pieces, accessories are the best way to bring your home's personality to life.

Selective statement artwork can offer a creative way to pretty up a blank space. A statement piece of artwork is an instant eye-catcher that can help turn a bare wall into a mini art gallery at home. This option you can implement inexpensively and rearrange on the fly. So go ahead and vary the sizes of a combination of prints, pictures and posters that you love.

## TOP TRENDS FOR THIS SEASON?

Inspired from jewellery, a hot trend for home décor this season is Mixed Metals. The new range at Indigo Living includes a collection of elegant brass furniture and a striking collection of lighting and accessories in copper, bronze, platinum, gold and silver, which, when combined, produce an artfully melded look.

Mixed metals work well in tandem with another key trend this spring - the perennially cool Parisian 'Left-Bank' Chic. Here, a tastefully muted colour palette of taupe furniture serves as a refined backdrop to accessories like copper lanterns and sophisticated horn boxes. Mix up contemporary furnishings with vintage-style pieces for an effortlessly cool look.

Fashions are swiftly evolving when it comes to Modern Chinoiserie interiors, but one of the most on-trend ways to decorate now is to fuse a few traditional pieces within a bright, light contemporary setting. For those seeking out Modern Chinoiserie in rich colours and textures, Indigo Living has a range of furniture and accessories in store that include elegant lamps and ginger jars in blossom and flower prints.

## DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE PIECE FROM THE COLLECTION AND IF SO WHAT MAKES IT STAND OUT?

I'm in love with the large oversized cockatoo print that we have launched as part this Spring collection. It has



a cheeky pose and will add interest and fun to any room. The newly launched Bloomsbury sofa, which is exclusively designed for Indigo Living, is also a favourite. With its modern look and super comfortable feel I could spend a whole day relaxing on this sofa reading and listening to music.

## HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT DESIGNING/CHOOSING YOUR PRODUCTS FOR A NEW LAUNCH?

It all starts months in advance and now we are currently looking at concepts for our Spring 2016 launch. I spend

a lot of time looking at trends in the market in all areas of design and in all forms of media. From this information I pull out the looks and trends that I feel will work well with the Indigo Living brand. We then start the design process to develop our seasonal look and feel. It is a fantastic, creative journey from start to finish. ■■■



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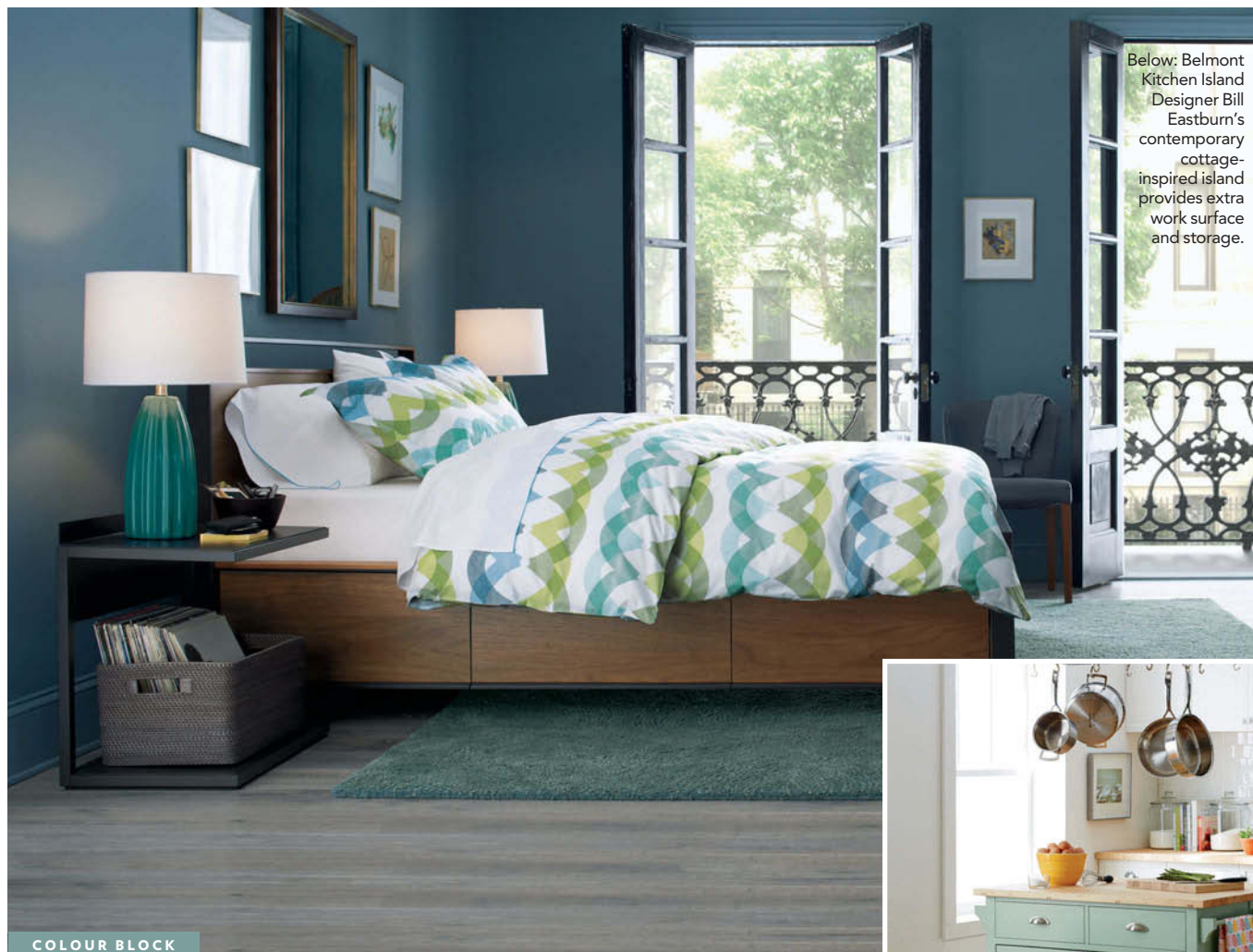
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# KEY STYLE TRENDS

*Crate and Barrel celebrates its fifth anniversary in the UAE this year, with yet another on-trend collection for the season. We discuss the top five looks that highlight why this brand is our go-to destination for a modern, fresh home.*



Below: Belmont Kitchen Island Designer Bill Eastburn's contemporary cottage-inspired island provides extra work surface and storage.



## COLOUR BLOCK

ADD A SPLASH OF COLOUR TO YOUR HOME WITH CRATE AND BARREL'S RANGE OF BRIGHT CUSHION COVERS, THROWS, ARMCHAIRS, BED LINEN AND ACCESSORIES. FROM YELLOW TO BRIGHT ORANGE THERE WILL BE SOMETHING TO SUIT ALL TASTES AND SCHEMES. THIS SEASON WE LOVE THE MINT GREEN KITCHEN ISLAND - IDEAL FOR A COUNTRY-INSPIRED LOOK BUT WITH A TWIST, IT WILL HELP CREATE A COSY YET MODERN KITCHEN.





Big Sur  
Natural  
dining table.



Acacia  
Wedgewood  
server.

#### NATURAL ELEMENTS

RUSTIC WOOD, STONE AND EARTHY TONES ADD A CALMING ELEMENT TO THE HOME THIS SUMMER. LOOK FOR LEATHER CHAIRS, SIMPLE WOODEN TABLES AND SLATE ACCESSORIES TO CREATE THIS LOOK, WITH FINISHING TOUCHES IN BEIGE, BROWN AND ORANGE TEXTILES. CRATE AND BARREL'S NEW COLLECTION CONTAINS MANY OF THESE - SUCH AS THE ACACIA WEDGE WOOD SERVER, YUKON COFFEE TABLE-BENCH AND BIG SUR NATURAL DINING TABLE.



Yukon Coffee  
Table-Bench



Dakota's dramatic sweep of European white oak pales in modern shades of grey, setting an organic, elegantly understated tone for the dining room.



#### PAIRED BACK

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A NEUTRAL COLOUR SCHEME TO ADD SOPHISTICATION TO A HOME, AND YOU CAN FIND SIMPLE FURNITURE AND ACCESSORIES IN WHITE, CREAM, BEIGE AND BROWN IN CRATE AND BARREL'S NEW COLLECTION. TEAM WITH WOOD, WIRE AND PAINTED ACCESSORIES FOR A GROWN-UP LOOK WHICH WILL LAST A LIFETIME.



Asana Sofa Elegant yet inviting, Asana reimagines the living room sofa in a sleek, tuxedo-style frame. Sink-in cushions, bolsters and kidney pillows layer three fabrics and textures—cotton blend, linen blend and velvet.

#### WE ASK PRATYUSH SARUP AND KAREN JOYCE FROM DESIGN CARROT ABOUT THEIR THOUGHTS ON CRATE AND BARREL'S ANNIVERSARY AND WHAT THE STORE MEANS TO THEM...



**PRATYUSH SARUP**  
Interior Designer and Design Writer.

"I was looking forward to Crate and Barrel's

launch in the Middle East since their boards went up at their space in the Mall of Emirates. It's a brand my family and I have loved for ages; I have very good memories of re-doing my mother's living room - relocating the Crate and Barrel furniture pieces she used to bring back from her trips overseas. Those pieces are still going strong. For a brand that first opened shop in 1962, Crate & Barrel has done formidably, staying at the tipping point of trends, without compromise on quality of material or workmanship. As an interior designer, I have and will continue to take my clients to source both key pieces and accessories from the brand - they are indeed investments for life."

#### KAREN JOYCE



**Dubai Resident.**

"I was looking for a comfortable sofa for my living room when I first ventured into the newly

opened Crate and Barrel store in Mall of Emirates - in fact it was their opening day. While I didn't buy my sofa immediately, I came back three months later. That was a beginning of a long relationship - many dining sets, birthday and anniversary gifts and of course, countless Christmas decorations later, I am very much, a loyal customer. What I really like is that the staff on the floor are helpful, know the product they are selling inside-out and never push you just so they can make a sale. It also helps they have design experts for the times you need guidance."





The Dune collection is truly a modern "indoor room" that lives outdoors with sleek stainless steel upholstery in taupe mesh.

#### SOPHISTICATED OUTDOOR

WE WANT TO MAKE THE MOST OF OUR OUTDOOR SPACE, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE WEATHER IS BEARABLE ENOUGH TO DO SO, WHICH IS WHY HAVING COMFORTABLE AND LONG LASTING FURNITURE THAT IS ALSO STYLISH IS A MUST. COLOURFUL GARDEN ACCESSORIES SUCH AS PLANTERS AND BIRD FEEDERS ADD PERSONALITY.



Layer on spring with fashion stripes to velvety brights.

#### SHADES OF BLUE

CHOOSING ACCESSORIES IN FRESH BLUES WILL INSTANTLY LIFT YOUR HOME ESPECIALLY WHEN TEAMED WITH WHITE. FROM CLASSIC NAVY TO BRIGHTER SHADES OF TURQUOISE OR TEAL, BLUE TONES ARE A HINT AT A NAUTICAL THEME WITHOUT BEING TOO MUCH.



## Editor's Choice

I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING CRATE AND BARREL'S NEW RANGES AS I FIND THEIR STYLE TO BE A FRESH MIX OF THE CONTEMPORARY AND TREND-LED, WITH MANY TIMELESS PIECES AT GOOD PRICE POINTS. HERE ARE THE TOP FIVE PICKS FOR MY HOME FROM CRATE AND BARREL'S SPRING COLLECTION.



Pesce cushion, Dhs395. Nautical styling is still a big trend for 2015 and this cute cushion will brighten up any sofa or bedroom.



Regatta sofa, Dhs7,599. This simple and stylish wooden furniture is ideal for a seaside scheme.



Dune loungers, Dhs4,499 each. These neutral loungers will look great in a garden or next to a pool and can be dressed up with colourful, outdoor cushions.



Beck tray, Dhs279. This light wooden tray with on-trend copper handles will be right at home in a modern rustic kitchen, and perfect for serving al fresco drinks to guests.



Willow sofa, Dhs8,499 and Amelia armchair, Dhs4,499. Nothing will last longer in a home than a good sofa. I would choose this one as it is comfortable, available in a good range of colours and will match any change of colour scheme in my living room.

# Crate&Barrel





Pratyush and Karen give advice.



The team at Pottery Barn Kids

EMIRATES HOME EVENT

## *Kid's Room in Style*

WITH POTTERY BARN KIDS  
AND EMIRATES HOME

Invited guests and readers were treated to the first ever kids workshop at Pottery Barn Kids in Mirdiff City Centre on the 4th of March. Our regular contributor and stylist Pratyush Sarup and Karen Joyce talked the crowd through Pottery Barn Kids latest collection, how to style the kids rooms in the latest trends and how to introduce eco-friendly elements to the little one's rooms.

In this first-ever event, parents and children took part in the interactive workshops (and tested out the beds!) as well as browsing through Pottery Barn Kid's cool new collections of furniture, accessories and textiles. |||||

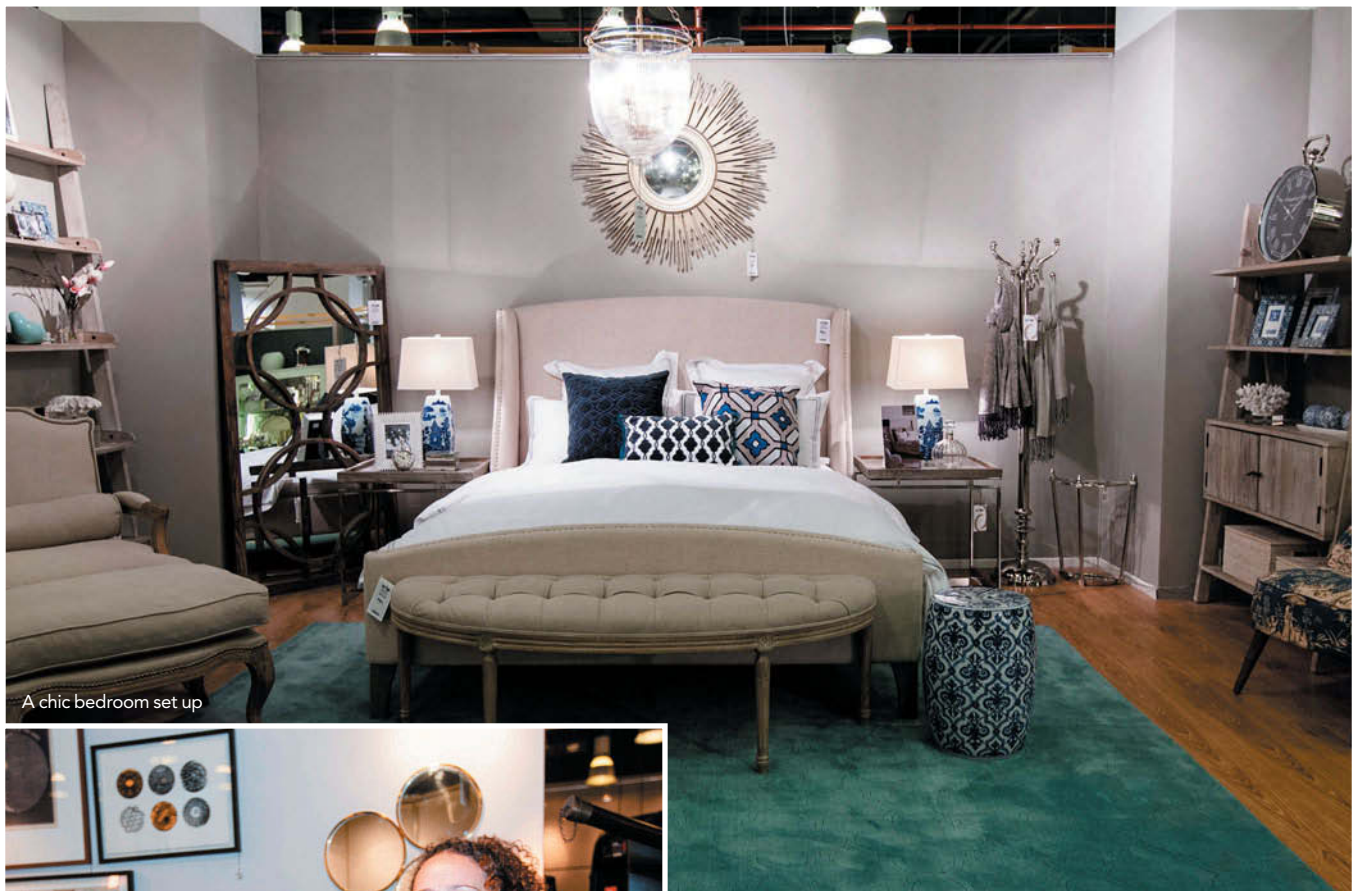


Two guests enjoy the display!



Guests listen to Pratyush talk about the collection.





A chic bedroom set up



John McLennan





One of the new collection room-sets



EMIRATES HOME EVENT

## Spring Style

WITH INDIGO LIVING  
AND EMIRATES HOME

Interior enthusiasts flocked to Indigo Living on Sheikh Zayed Road in Dubai on 18th March to take a sneak peek at their latest collection. Managing Director, John McLennan, was there to talk about the range and the inspirations behind it. There was also musical

entertainment and a chance to win some top prizes.

The spring collection, made up of jungle prints, bright accents and quirky accessories, as well as the signature timeless pieces, is sure to be a big hit in homes across the region and beyond.

For more information see page 68 for our interview with John.



Indigo Living Kids collection



HIP HOTELS

*At Home*

RAS AL KHAIMAH, UAE.

## HILTON RESORT &amp; SPA

*Fun for all the family in Ras Al Khaimah*

Ras Al Khaimah is fast becoming the go-to destination for relaxing staycations within the UAE, especially for those from Dubai, and the Hilton Resort & Spa is no exception. This sprawling 475 room hotel has a grand entrance and is made up of the main hotel building and private villas, all which have uninterrupted views of the Arabian Gulf. Voted Trip Advisor's Best in Relaxation in 2012, it is easy to see why as, despite being a large hotel, the grounds are spacious with a number of pools and restaurants, as well as a pristine 1.5km private beach meaning that even at full capacity there is

enough room for everyone to relax. On entering the hotel, guests can't fail to notice the full length windows with their views out to the resort, pools and beach beyond. Our twin bedroom consisted of two queen beds with crisp white linen, a comfortable sofa, desk area, balcony with rattan seating with colourful cushions, as well as beautiful views over the resort and out to the Arabian Gulf, and an en-suite with roomy shower, tub and double sinks. The rooms are a calming mix of earthy neutrals with Arabic touches in the headboards, artwork and accessories; in-keeping with the overall look of the hotel.

If the goal is to unwind at the Hilton Resort and Spa then guests can head to the many loungers around the various pools, including an adults only pool, kid's pool and salt water pool, and private beach, which also hosts many watersports for the more adventurous guest. The award-winning spa is a must-visit for a totally restful experience. The understated interior is punctuated with Arabic touches in the tiles and accessories throughout the bright and airy locker room and facilities suite, which consists of a sauna, steam room and whirlpool tub. The spa boasts two Turkish hammams and nine different treatment rooms where guests can enjoy a variety of different facials, massages and body treatments. We recommend the hour-long Swedish full body





Clockwise: a king room; the hotel's exterior; Dhow beach bar; 1.5km private beach; Passage to Asia restaurant.

massage, ideal for tired muscles and stressed out minds.

The hotel is home to nine different food and beverage outlets from the all-day dining options from Maarid to after-dinner refreshments in the classic X.O. bar. We enjoyed a fun feast from Pura Vida, Ras Al Khaimah's only rodizio-style Brazilian restaurant. Expertly cooked cuts of beef, lamb and checked were served at the table and accompanied by fresh fayre from the buffet. For a relaxed lunch we recommend Al Bahar, an informal all-day dining outlet. We dined on mixed salads, fresh vegetables and barbequed prawns and fish, washed down with fresh juice, all enjoyed while overlooking the beach. Themed dinner evenings are often hosted in Al Bahar, with live entertainment, cooking stations and a vast array of buffet choices – ideal for family fun.

Speaking of which, families are more than well catered for at the hotel. Little ones can enjoy themselves in the kid's club with swimming pool and slide or dedicated playground. Families can also take advantage of the babysitting service, children's menus and children's activities. With so many fantastic dining options, room to relax and family fun provided, it is easy to see why the Hilton Resort and Spa is a go-to destination for a much-needed break.

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#### GET THE LOOK IN BRIEF

Dima Ayad show during Fashion Forward at Madinat Jumeirah (Photo by Ian Gavan/Getty Images for Fashion Forward)



*The Look*



Wire tealight holder, Dhs29, Homes R Us



Sanela cushion cover, Dhs49, Ikea

#### The Accessories



Quatrefoil mirror, Dhs2,810, Ethan Allen

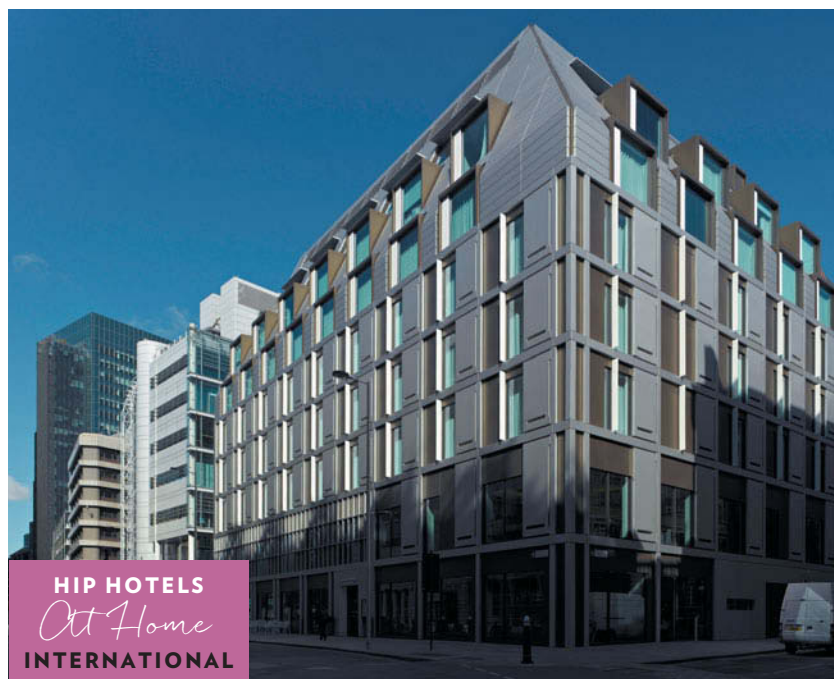


Suhana metal pendant, Dhs399, Home Centre



#### The Colours





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London's East End is where the bustling financial district of the City meets the trendy urban playground of Shoreditch and beyond. Sitting firmly in the centre of this mix is the cool and contemporary South Place Hotel. Designed by Allies and Morrison architects with interiors by Conran + Partners, the hotel's unassuming glass façade belies its distinctly modern and vibrantly unique interior. The lobby and public spaces are home to art installations, which have been commissioned and sourced to reflect the history and character of the hotel location, and London in general. These consist of prints and works that hint at truly British eccentricities such as John Vincent Aranda's condiments collages, found in 3 South Place Bar and Grill, to subtle spy suggestions that are a nod to the area's past.

This art and creative theme continues in each of the 80 bedrooms in the boutique hotel, with specially selected works by local London artists found above the beds. Our King room was understated yet deluxe, with a cool grey interior; large marble bathroom with double shower; spacious bathtub, a 40-inch Bang & Olufsen TV with on-demand films and a super king-sized bed. There are lots of added little luxuries, again with a nod to the location, such as the delicious-smelling St Clements toiletries by James Heeley, a fully stocked mini bar with British snacks and drinks, and a menu of surprise, quirky touches. Lighting in each of the rooms plays a key role in how guests will relax, with a mood lighting panel by each side of the comfortable bed.

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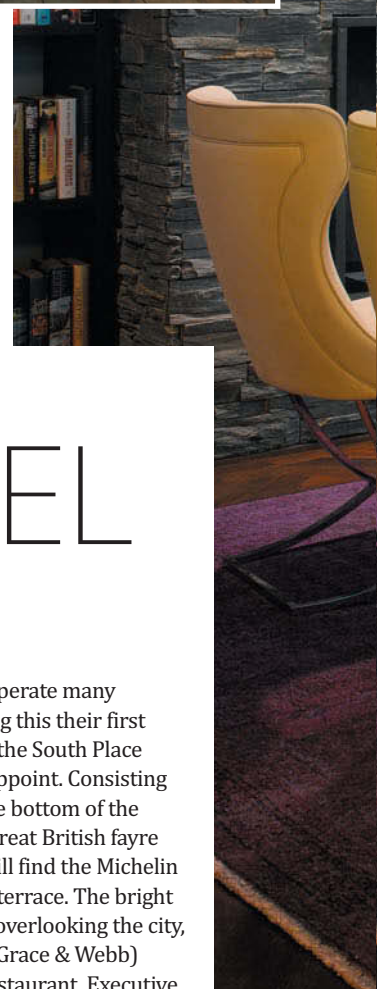
restaurateur's D&D London, who specialise and operate many sought-after restaurants around the world, making this their first foray in to hotels. Therefore the dining options in the South Place Hotel have a certain expectation...and do not disappoint. Consisting of two restaurants and three bars located from the bottom of the hotel – 3 South Place Bar and Grill, which serves great British fayre from breakfast till late, to the top, where guests will find the Michelin starred restaurant, Angler, with its adjoining roof terrace. The bright and light space, with its floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the city, and mirrored ceiling (specially commissioned by Grace & Webb) reflect the monochrome scheme in this elegant restaurant. Executive Chef, Tony Fleming serves up speciality seafood with simple flair: Our starters of Crab soup with Porthilly oysters and Red wine poached pear served with Four d'Ambert, candied walnuts and leaves were delectable and the perfect outset for our light mains of Wild Seabass served with risotto and a red wine reduction. Dessert of Chocolate fondant with pistachio ice cream was scrumptiously sweet. Each course is accompanied by a considered selection of drinks from the Sommelier, making a meal here an all-round gastronomic experience. Post dinner, guests will find many hidden nooks and crannies to relax in, such as the Secret Garden, which is tucked away on the first floor.

This outdoor space has a retractable roof to offer shelter from the ever-changing elements, cool seating and a fully stocked bar. We also recommend Le Chiffre, a resident and private members club with a vast array of books and games, all in a modern, bright setting. ||||

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Left: The hotel's modern exterior. Above: The bar in the Secret Garden. Right: Comfortable seating in Le Chiffre lounge.







GET THE LOOK IN BRIEF

Two tone faux fur blanket, Dhs625, Zara Home



Brush painting, Dhs699, THE One



Shadow cushion, Dhs190, BoConcept



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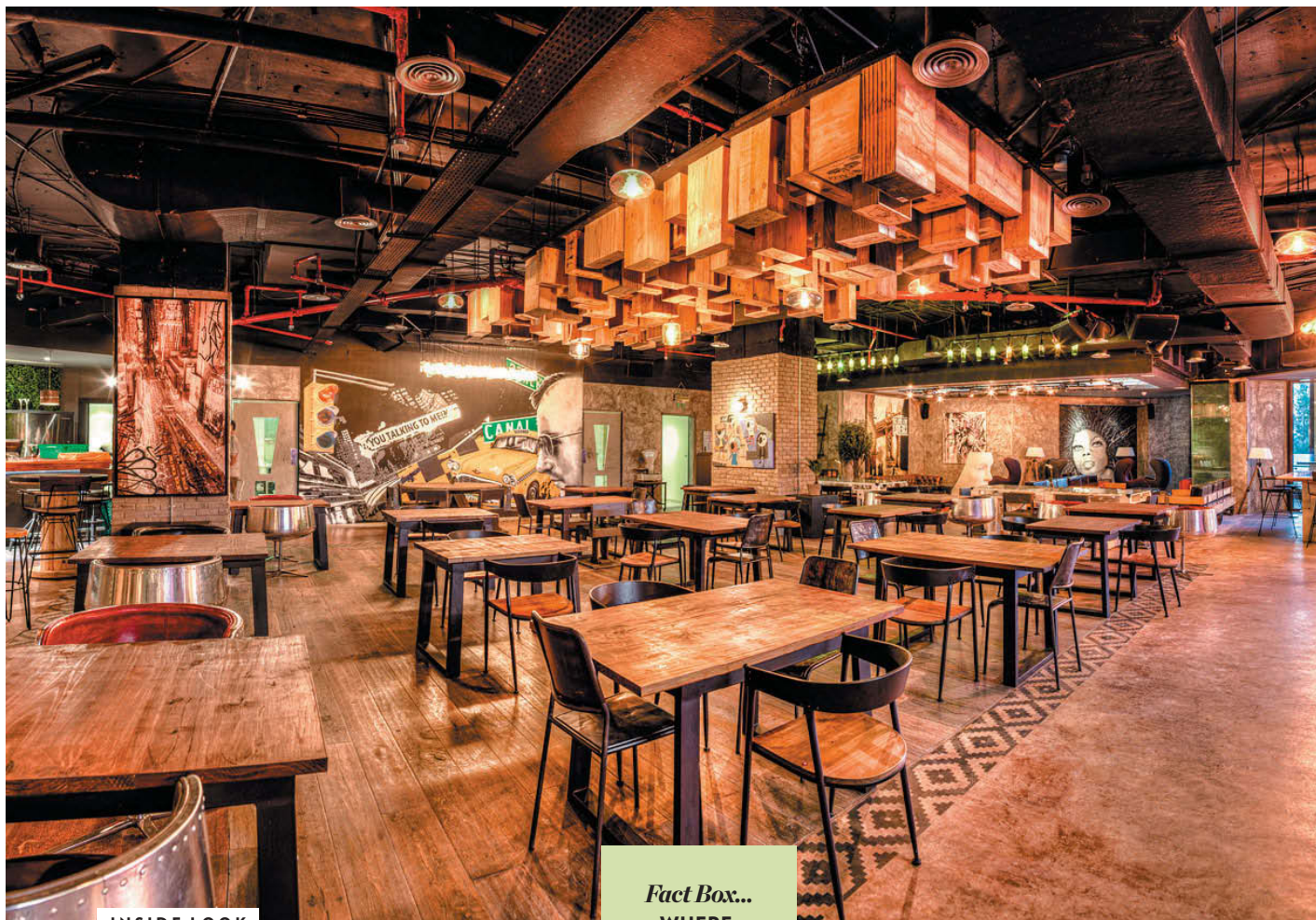
The Accessories



Burberry Spring Summer Womenswear Show.

the Look





## INSIDE LOOK

## Tribeca DUBAI.

With its abundance of shops, cafes, hotels and restaurants, not to mention the close proximity to the beach, JBR is one of the main go-to destinations for downtime. But now there is one more addition to this extensive list, TRIBECA Kitchen and Bar. Situated within the Ocean View Hotel at the far end of The Walk, this hip venue would be right at home in New York with its loft apartment feel, industrial inspired interior with concrete floors, exposed grates, pipe lighting and exposed bulbs, trendy graffiti artwork, and cool beats from the DJ. Billed as a healthy eating/organic venue it is headed up by award-winning Chef Giovanni De Ambrosis who serves up dishes with natural and humanely sourced ingredients from local farmers and fair trade cooperatives. This ethos can also be seen in the upcycled décor (our table was made up of painted wooden pallets).

The menu consists of a good, non-complicated selection of meat, seafood and vegetarian and vegan options that stick to the restaurant's organic and healthy philosophy. We chose delicious starters of King Prawns with coconut cream and grilled polenta, Bruschetta sampler; tomato, walnut tapenade and porcini mushrooms served on quinoa bread and Burrata cheese with sundried tomato, mixed greens and orange concasse. Mains were the Beef tenderloin served with braised porcini mushrooms and the Artisan ravioli stuffed with beetroot and mascarpone with pea foam and sage butter – both were cooked to perfection and the ideal size, leaving us room for dessert, which, despite everything being delicious, was the highlight. The Tribeca cheesecake went down a storm not just for its taste but

### Fact Box...

#### WHERE:

The Ocean View Hotel, JBR.

#### WE LOVE:

The industrial-inspired decor, lighting, cool seating and artwork.

#### STAY FOR:

After dinner chat on the terrace or comfortable leather sofas while listening to the resident DJ.



for its deconstructed serving (in three tiers, to be mixed together), and the warm apple cookie compote was an interesting mix of textures with just the right amount of sweet. All dishes are attractively presented with some being served in small ironware dishes.

TRIBECA has everything, amazing food, a cool interior and good location making this restaurant not only one to return to but one to watch. +971 50 3456 067, [www.tribeca.ae](http://www.tribeca.ae)



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# Ask A Designer

## Latifa Saeed

*Having just exhibited at Design Days Dubai, we chat to the artist and designer about her Braided collection available in Dubai at The Design Shop by S\*uce.*

### TELL US MORE ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS? WHEN DID YOU ESTABLISH IT AND HOW HAS IT GROWN SINCE?

I am a multidisciplinary artist and designer, I create my work based on narratives around my regions' cultural identity. I have been established in the UAE for almost 10 years. My furniture collection is limited edition, bespoke, handmade and have been exhibited in Galleries and Design Fairs in the Emirates and Europe.

### TELL US ABOUT YOUR LATEST PIECE/ COLLECTION?

The BRAIDED collection came about from my quest to find the perfect headboard. When I was young, myself and my friends used to always braid our hair.

Through a long design process, I developed a braiding process that is a soft sculpture and can be upholstered and manipulated in several ways. The process and pattern of braiding evoked happy memories from my childhood. Both the material and hand-made techniques are simple and timeless resulting in a traditional Emirati design that feels contemporary and playful.

The BRAIDED collection is now available at The Design Shop by S\*uce.

### HOW WERE YOU INSPIRED TO PURSUE YOUR DESIGN WORK?

I started my limited edition bespoke furniture collection in 2014 when Tashkeel, an Art hub in Nad al Sheba, invited me to participate in their Design program. Tashkeel commits to nurturing local talent and furthering the growth and development of the art community in the UAE. The design program is a part of a long term initiative which highlights the skill and talent of Emirati designers and brings them together with artisans and makers in the region.

### HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT CREATING YOUR PRODUCTS?

I always start with a concept, an idea, a thought, a memory, and then I ask myself, "what if?" I then begin to collect materials and meet with artisans and manufacturers to find someone who I can work with to create a final outcome.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE AND WHY?

The headboard, it is so comfortable and makes me



nostalgic for my childhood.

### WHAT PLACE MOST INSPIRES YOU?

The Northern Emirates.

### BEST DECORATING TIP?

Make sure that your furniture is comfortable before you purchase it. Measure everything beforehand, make a to-scale drawing of the room you plan to decorate and draw in the pieces on a plan to give you perspective and a sense of size vs. space.

Visit specialised design stores and exhibitions and invest in limited edition design pieces, which are "show" pieces that will increase in value in the future.

### WHAT TREND ARE YOU ENJOYING NOW?

A true Emirati Aesthetic.

### DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE YOU CAN SHARE WITH US ON WHAT SHADES TO LOOK OUT FOR WHEN PICKING A SPRING THEME?

Neutrals with pops of Neon or traditional patterns.

### WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR COMPANY?

I am going to exhibit a new collection of limited edition kinetic khoos (palm leaf) sculptures. They are contemporary 'kinetic objects' created out of Palm leaf; I added science and engineering to create the new designs. 'Khoos' is a traditional material woven by hand specifically for this project by an artisan living and working in Khorfakkan, Sharjah. ||||







"The process and pattern of braiding evoked happy memories from my childhood."

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## Ask an Expert

**THIS MONTH: STEVEN PARDOE  
FROM HÄCKER KITCHENS, UAE**

### WHAT KEY TRENDS ARE YOU SEEING FOR KITCHENS IN 2015?

The key trends we are seeing for 2015 include lots of textures, grains and anthracite colours on the inside of cabinets. Stone textured doors, real rough cut wood grain doors and wirework which matches the colour of the cabinets are all taking centre stage this year.

### HOW CAN I MAKE MY KITCHEN MORE ECO-FRIENDLY?

Use a reputable kitchen brand that sources rough material responsibly. They should be able to provide certificates and origins of wood especially. Kitchen Factories in Europe also recycle and use waste products to power and heat the factory to minimise the carbon footprint. Good laundry appliances and dishwashers have

'automatic' functions to minimise water use and the time taken to complete the cycles.

### I WANT TO CREATE A COUNTRY-STYLE KITCHEN IN MY HOME, HOW DO YOU RECOMMEND I DO THIS?

A good kitchen retailer would have numerous door styles and colours to choose from. Framed doors, shaker styles and solid wood doors all help to create a country look. Pilasters and end panels with details, back panels on the wall and under wall cabinet accessories all add to the look, as do creams, beige and neutral tone painted doors.

### WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE APPLIANCES THAT I SHOULD BUY TO MAKE MY KITCHEN MORE EFFICIENT?

Steam ovens with automatic menu cooking allow the user to cook fish, rice and vegetables at the same time for example.

Dishwashers have sensors to determine the dirtiness of the water and adjust the cycle and time taken so it finishes earlier. Induction Hobs heat up, cool down and cook with less power than normal electric ceramic hobs.

### HOW CAN I ADD COLOUR TO MY KITCHEN?

Splashbacks behind the kitchen cabinets in matching material to the kitchen or matching the worktop. We always tend to recommend adding not much permanent colour but colour that can be changed and updated such as accessories, kettles and paint on walls which

could be changed.

### I NEED MORE STORAGE BUT DON'T WANT A COMPLETE NEW KITCHEN, WHAT PRODUCTS/ ADDITIONS CAN YOU SUGGEST?

Unfortunately adding internal drawers, wirework, extra drawer units to an existing kitchen really depends on the quality of the existing kitchen. Many UAE existing kitchens would not stand up to new inserts being drilled and fitted and so we would always recommend the more economical option would be to design a functional cost effective kitchen. ■■■■





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### HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR OWN PERSONAL INTERIOR STYLE?

I would have to say "shabby chic", mainly because I prefer a lot of whites, neutrals and bright interiors. I like the look of furniture that is aged and distressed. I believe each piece in your home should have a story behind it.

### FAVORITE ARTWORK?

My favorite is a piece called Male and Female

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